

KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

St Augustine's-Kyabram ~ St Patrick's-Tongala ~ St Sebastian's-Merrigum

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12 February 2023



Readings for
this Sunday

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37



Readings for
next week:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48



Liturgical Jottings

Gospel Sequence

The Gospels from the sixth to the ninth Sundays in Ordinary time is a literary sequence and forms a catechetical session. After the two major passages of the Sermon on the Mount (Beatitudes, 4th Sunday and "Salt of the Earth, 5th Sunday) the Sermon continues through chapters 5&6 of Matthew. These next two weeks the tone changes from the previous weeks. Jesus has very vibrant words of instruction in general principles, with practical ways to live and an encouragement to deepen faith. Lent both interrupts this sequence and adds to it.

- 6th Sunday (Mt 5:17-37) Jesus comes to complete the law and teaches ways to deepen our ways of just and right living
- 7th Sunday (Mt 5:38-48) Jesus exhorts us to love not only our neighbour but also our enemies.
- 8th–10th Sundays omitted in 2023
- Ash Wednesday (Mt 6:1-6,16-18) on prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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Focus on the Readings

Ben Sirach wrote: "God, himself created human beings in the beginning, and then left them free to make their own decisions". Eccles 15:14 RNJB, one verse shy of today's first reading. The French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre came up with the term, "Condemned to Freedom" and since creation, Ben and John-Paul, we have struggled with our freedom and our conscience. To go further we have the choice of life and happiness, or death and wretchedness. God responds according to our choices with blessings or condemnation.

St Paul bridges the first reading with the Gospel, calling to mind God's wisdom in which we find life and glory. And Jesus took the commands of the Old Testament and with his words of wisdom asked his listeners to not only make the right choices but go deeper, the extra mile, and beyond just the letter of the law but to practise it's real meaning and spirit. Again from creation we are free and responsible, peaceful and happy, loving and faithful, yet we need to discern what is good and have the will and grace to do it.

Prayer of the Week

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord! Psalm 118:1-2

Memorial of the week

Competing for this title are Saints Cyril & Methodius and St Valentine (14 Feb). But Blessed John of Fiesole (c.1386 - 1455) a Dominican Friar and Priest deserves his day on Saturday 18 February. Better known as Fra Angelico, he painted many biblical scenes of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Mysteries of Christ.

Quote for the Day

The human person is condemned to be free; because once thrown into the world, he is responsible for everything he does.

Jean-Paul Sartre



On the Lighter Side

An American and a Russian were both praising their freedoms. The American said, "I can protest in front of the White House against President Biden and nothing would happen to me." The Russian replied "My friend, I can do exactly the same in front of the Kremlin and protest against President Biden and nothing will happen to me."

MORNING OF SANDHURST ASSEMBLY TO BE LIVESTREAMED.

Join us online for the morning session of the Diocesan Assembly on
Wednesday 15 February 9.00-11.00 a.m.

Over 300 people from every parish and school of the Diocese will gather on Yorta Yorta Country for the Diocesan Assembly in Shepparton. This is an Assembly for all of the people of Sandhurst and you are sincerely invited to virtually join this important gathering in Shepparton via the livestream. So please, join us online for prayer, to be inspired by Bishop Shane's opening address, learn more about synodality from Keynote speaker Dr Elissa Roper, and be uplifted by music from Gen Bryant and the GB Team. You can also have your say on the Facebook Event Page <https://fb.me/e/3hm2fQ90F> #SandhurstAssembly, #Sandhurstopensdoors

You can access the livestream via the following Diocese of Sandhurst Social Media channels:

Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/3hm2fQ90F>

Website: www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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Thank you to the Kyabram parishioners who are making time to attend this important assembly.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS

Sunday 19th February 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – N Livsey

Sunday 26th February at 8.30am

Commentator – T Hehir

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister- M Cocks

Sunday 5th March 8.30am

Commentator – N. Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – M. O'Shea

PPC MEETING

A reminder that next PPC Meeting will be on
Tuesday 14th February at 5.45pm in Parish
Meeting Room.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our
Parish. May God bless you always.
Last week's Collection is **\$ 822.45**

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

We are once again considering if any business would be interested in advertising in our Parish bulletin, website.

The costs are

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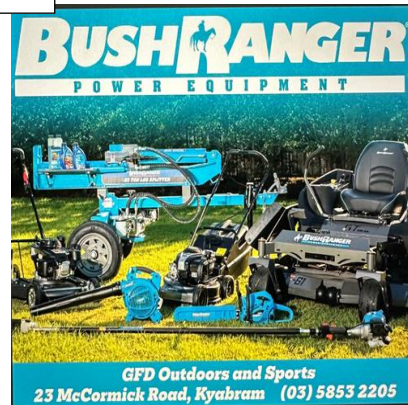
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Recently Deceased: Joe Durso, Sr Julie Thomas CSB

Anniversaries:

(Please email the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)



FORTNIGHT TIME TABLE

Mon 13 Feb -
Tues 14 Feb - Rosary 4:45pm; Liturgy of the word 5.00pm
PPC Meeting 5.45pm

Wed 15 Feb -
Thurs 16 Feb - 9.15am School Liturgy Year 7
Fri 17 Feb -

Weekend Masses

Sat 18 Feb - No Mass
Sun 19 Feb - Mass 8:30am. Project Compassion Sunday
(cuppa after mass)

Mon 20 Feb
Tues 21 Feb - Rosary 4.45pm; Liturgy of the word 5.00pm.
Wed 22 Feb - Ash Wednesday Mass 6pm
Thurs 23 Feb - No Mass or Liturgy
Fri 24 Feb -

Weekend Masses

Sat 25 Feb - No Mass.
Sun 26 Feb - Mass 8:30am.

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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday):
see Diary Dates
Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month):
6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12.00 noon
Reconciliation – Second Saturday of the month
at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Aug's
Church Kyabram.

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of
the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's
Church.

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Brian and Anne O'Meara who
celebrated their 60th Wedding anniversary
on the 9th of February.

May God bless you abundantly
and keep you in his love.



POSITIONS VACANT

A number of positions are currently Vacant on **Parish Finance Council** and **Parish maintenance Person**, please consider helping out in these areas of need and be part of a team in forming the future of our Parish. Please contact Fr. John Paul.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Evening Mass for Ash Wednesday will be held on Wednesday 22nd February at 6pm in St Augustine's church.

Whole College Ash Wednesday Liturgy
will be held 10.00 am in Brigidine Centre.
Parents and Parishioners most Welcome!



CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with the Parish Child safety officer Finola Price on 03 58521310.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honoured. May we join together and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

GOSPEL

Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

‘You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court:

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form 5:17-37

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Breaking Open the Word

CHOICES

Choices are a part of the human experience. Some are minor and of little consequence, others will shape our futures and have lasting ramifications for our lives. Ecclesiasticus places a choice before us: we have the power to choose life or death, that is, whether we will follow the living God or not. While many people are fearful of God's judgement the point of the first reading is that any judgement on God's part is only a consequence of our own (cf. John 3:17.12:47).

Jesus invited his hearers to make a decision about the standard they used to live their life of faith. They had grown up with the Jewish Law but now the invitation is made to choose a new set of criteria. In the next few weeks, the excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount invite us to choose once again the values that Jesus places before us. Today the challenge is made in terms of our attitude regarding violence, sexual morality and the quality of our speech.

Paul places a choice before the Corinthians – to model their lives on the wisdom of the cross. In Paul's time, the mystery cults abounded and such groups considered themselves as having been initiated into the elect, those who had knowledge and power denied to those around them. He knew they had been given the gift of the Spirit and wisdom, but it was the misunderstood and paradoxical wisdom of the cross.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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FIRST READING Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Sirach
He never commanded anyone to be godless.
If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1
R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, / who follow God's law! / They are happy those who do his will, / seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**
2. You have laid down your precepts / to be obeyed with care. / May my footsteps be firm / to obey your statutes. **R.**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live / and obey your word. / Open my eyes that I may consider / the wonders of your law. **R.**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes / and I will keep them to the end. / Train me to observe your law, / to keep it with my heart. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.
We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden



wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory: we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!